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Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities
Informational Session

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Notes

I. Attendance: Members: Scott Hasson, Tom Miller; Staff: Sheila Thompson, Kevin Grunwald, Curt Vincente. No quorum was present, and therefore an informational session was convened.

II. Minutes: Minutes of the November 26, 2002 meeting will be reviewed at the next regular meeting in February.

III. New Business: Tom Miller, PhD, was introduced to the group as the newest member of the MACPD. New business will be entertained at the next regular meeting in Feb.

Kevin Grunwald distributed a letter from the AJ Pappanikou Center for Developmental Disabilities regarding the Real Choice Grant, which is a 3 year competitive grant awarded to three model communities which establish supports and barrier-free access to person with disabilities. The idea of applying for the grant met with favorable reaction.

IV. Old Business: General information was presented.

a) Post Office Box: Sheila Thompson reported that the Post Office has not yet obtained permission to place a drive-up mailbox at the location between Fleet Bank and Savings Bank of Manchester. It was also suggested that the Post Office consider possible location at the new Community Center.

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b) Membership: Tom Miller suggested that Bob Goldsborough might have an interest in serving on the Committee. Sheila indicated that she would contact him.

c) Community Center Membership Rates: Curt Vincente presented the recently-adopted membership descriptions and fees for the Community Center. He indicated that use rates for groups and schools have not been set, and indicated that non-resident rates were set based on market potential. Recommendations for fee waivers are not yet finalized.

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d) Agency Funding Requests: Due to lack of quorum, Scott reviewed the requests from VNA East and Community Companions and Homemakers, and Sheila presented Mary Thatcher's review of WRCC Dial-A-Ride and ADA. Both Mary and Scott recommended that the agencies' funding requests be approved. Those members in attendance were in agreement with a proposal to take a telephone poll of absent members to obtain their votes either to accept, reject or modify the proposed funding requests. Both Tom Miller and Scott Hasson voted in favor of accepting the proposed funding requests. Sheila indicated that she would call the remaining members of the Committee to obtain their votes.

The information session concluded at 3: 45PM.

Next regular meeting will be February 25, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila J. Thompson